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UPCOMING EVENTS

A TIME FOR SHARING OUR VISION

Sunday, February 7th During Both Worship Services

As we come together in worship, we will consider ways in which God's plans and the dreams of First Baptist Church intersect as we prepare for The Next Chapter.

EARLY COMMITMENT DINNER

Monday, February 29th For Dinner & Tuesday, March 1st for Breakfast

This will be an opportunity to gather and listen to different options for giving. You will have an opportunity to commit early. Please call the church office if you would like to be included.

CHILDREN'S STEW-ART-SHIP EXHIBIT

Monday, February 29th

Our children will be showing off their talents and creativity as a show of their involvement in The Next Chapter at the Early Commitment Leadership Dinner.

A TIME FOR OUR COMMITMENT

Sunday, March 13th Combined Worship Service (No Sunday School)

Join us for this exciting day of worship and family lunch as we make our commitments to The Next Chapter.

A TIME FOR US TO CELEBRATE

Sunday, March 27th During Both Worship Services

Gather with us as we praise and worship God on this special day of celebration! We will receive our "first fruits" offering for the three-year giving period.



A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Church Family:

Because I am not able to personally visit each of you, I am writing this letter to share with you good news at First Baptist Church of North Augusta. I hope and pray as you read this you will sense God's leading as we seek to join Him in His work. I believe, as I hope you do, that the ministries of our church are a blessing to our congregation and our community. God's grace is evident as our church continues to grow. Yet with this growth comes a challenge. We need to be freed from the debt on our Children's Learning Center so we will be ready for the next chapter God is writing at our church.

The Next Chapter is the name chosen for our vision-funding program. We believe that as we follow God, it will meet the financial needs before us. Everyone is asked to prayerfully consider making a sacrificial commitment—over and above your ongoing tithes and offerings—to be given over the next three years. With each of us doing our part, we will raise the necessary funds to move forward. As you can see, **'The Next Chapter'** is an important step to our future, and your involvement is crucial.

Join us February 7th as we begin with Vision Sunday in both morning services. The purpose of this Sunday is to share information with you and encourage you to make **'The Next Chapter'** a priority in your personal prayer time. After the services, we will have signups to confirm your attendance, answer any further questions you may have, or discover ways available to you and others to make the most out of this next chapter in the life of First Baptist. In addition to raising money to carry out God's vision for First Baptist, we will be encouraging people who are not involved to become members of one of the many ministry teams, and if you have not taken the opportunity to participate in Bible classes, small groups, or discipleship classes, you will be given that opportunity on March 13. Please know that your attendance at Vision Sunday is very important and that no commitments will be taken at these services.

These are exciting days at First Baptist! Commit with me to seek and act in God's will. I look forward to seeing you at Vision Sunday on February 7th!

With great joy,

Dr. Ryan Pack
Senior Pastor



CHILDREN’S LEARNING CENTER

The Children’s Learning Center began as a dream to replace the old, musty smelling, damp, and mildew prone basement of the former sanctuary. For years this space was used for Sunday school rooms for our children as well as a civil defense “bomb shelter.” After the completion of our current worship center, the leadership of our church, under the guidance of Dr. Gary Redding, began to look for ways to improve our classroom space for our children.

With approval of the church, a committee was selected to develop a master plan for FBCNA. The committee selected the Firm of Fletcher, Scott, & Sears to work closely with us in the development of the master plan. The master plan included new facilities for staff, children, youth, and fellowship hall. The plan is in the files of FBCNA today.

Fortunately for FBCNA, University Hospital was moving out of its new facility on Georgia Avenue, directly across from our church. Through negotiations and approval of the church body, the building was purchased and converted into offices for administration, conference room, and staff offices. The upper level was converted to senior high school space for weekly functions and Sunday school. The immediate needs of some of our members were now being met. This facility was paid in full through the fundraising for our worship center.

In May 2000 a CLC Steering Team was elected and approved. The mission was to begin discussion for new education space for our children and middle school youth. Numerous meetings and discussions as to how to best accomplish our goal of a childrens building, especially since the old sanctuary would have to be demolished, was held.

In 2003, a church vote was taken to pay off the worship center before we began thinking seriously about the CLC. It was approved and the CLC team was put on hold. We continued to meet monthly just to remain current with plans, methods, etc.

Finally in 2005, the worship center was paid in full. At the next business meeting Dr. Redding recommended that the CLC team begin to select an architectural firm. The CLC Team and architects met with numerous church leaders and children and youth workers seeking their input. Their input was included as plans were developed.

In 2006 the project was bid to include demolition of the old sanctuary and building of the CLC in its place. R D Brown Construction Company was contracted to complete the project. The Finance Team finalized a loan of \$6.4 million for the construction project which was in addition to pledges already received from the church membership. Construction was estimated to take 18 months; however, rain delays and issues with demolition and city permits extended the actual build time to 22 months. The CLC was dedicated and given to the church in 2008.



THE NEXXT CHAPTER

The Next Chapter is a stewardship emphasis designed to elevate our obedience in the area of giving, elevate our ministry involvement in our church, and reduce the debt on our Children’s Learning Center.

We need to be freed from the \$4.7 million that we owe on the Children’s Learning Center so we can be ready for the next chapter of ministry that God has prepared for First Baptist Church of North Augusta.

What can we expect once we eliminate the \$4.7 million that we owe on the Children’s Learning Center?

- Greater freedom to respond to God when He asks more of us in the next season in the life of our church
- An end to \$329,000 (10% of our annual budget) going to mortgage payments
- Increased giving to international missions
- Blessing other churches though church starting around North America and the World
- More resources available to impact other ministries in the CSRA
- An opportunity to renovate our aging education space, church kitchen, and Fellowship Hall

LEADERSHIP TEAM

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Senior Pastor

Kathi Smoker
Program Coordinator

Kurt Menger
Stacey Timmerman
Follow-Up Coordinators

Chris Williams
Thomas Ratchford
Education Team Leaders

Roy Kiser
Scott Gustafson
Adult Stewardship Coordinators

Jayne Laube
John Perrin
Children’s Stewardship Coordinators

Donny Barfield
Vince LeDonne
Student Stewardship Coordinators

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